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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY SIMON

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1. MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR SONBOL CALLED EMBASSY FEB 15 TO SAY SAG APPROVED OF VISIT BY SECRETARY SIMON TO RIYADH FROM FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 1. SONBOL REPEATED THAT VISIT TO BEGIN ON TWENTY-EIGHTH AND TO END ON MARCH FIRST BECAUSE SAG NEEDED TO GET READY TO RECEIVE GREED PRIME MINISTER WHO COMES IN MARCH 2.

2. WE TOLD AMBASSADOR SONBOL WE HAD JUST HEARD VIA DEPARTMENT THAT SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD AGREED TO MARCH 2-4 DATES FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S DATES. SONBOL ACCORDINGLY CALLED CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, AHMED ABDUL WAHHAB, WHO CONFIRMED THE DATES MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 1.

3. SONBOL SAID THAT MUCH NEEDED TO BE DONE TO GET READY FOR SUCH A LARGE GROUP. SAG WANTED TO KNOW SOMETIME MONDAY FEBRUARY 16 WHETHER OR NOT SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE AS NOW PLANNED. PORTER

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